# AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ABUSE COUNSELING AND TREATMENT, INC.

(A Florida Corporation)

We, the undersigned, with other persons being desirous of forming a corporation not for profit, do agree to the following:

# ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be ABUSE COUNSELING AND TREATMENT, INC.

#### ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized for charitable, educational, and philanthropic purposes including but not limited to:

- a) Providing counseling, referral services, and shelter to victims of family violence, sexual assault, and families in distress.
- b) Conducting research on the subjects of family violence and interpersonal violence.
- c) Educating the public about family violence and interpersonal violence.
- d) Raising such funds as are necessary to provide the above services, research and public education.

## ARTICLE III - POWERS

The Corporation shall have all powers provided for Corporation Not For Profit by Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes and including but not limited to the powers to receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property, or both, and, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for the charitable, educational and philanthropic purposes described herein.

Nothing contained in the foregoing statement of purposes and powers shall be construed to authorize this Corporation to carry on any activity for the profit of its members, or to distribute any gains, profits, or dividends to its members.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any Director or Officer of the Corporation or any member of the Corporation or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more if its purposes), and no Director or Officer of the Corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.

The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943© of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

The Corporation shall not make any investments in such a manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501© (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they not exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170© (2) of the Internal Revenue Code and said Regulations as they not exist or may hereafter be amended.

No person, firm, or corporation shall ever receive any dividends or profits from the undertaking of this Corporation. Upon dissolution of this organization, all assets remaining after payment of all liabilities of the Corporation shall be distributed by the Board of Directors to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, or philanthropic purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501© (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or to the Federal Government or to a state or local government for public purposes as the Board of Directors shall determine.

# **ARTICLE IV - DURATION**

The Corporation shall have personal existence.

# **ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP**

Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the Corporation and who is willing to participate in its promotion is eligible for membership.

#### **ARTICLE VI - DUES**

The amount of the yearly dues payable by members shall be such an amount as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE VII - SUBSCRIBERS

The names and address of the subscribers to the original Articles of Incorporation were:

Carolyn Zurek

1364 Floral Drive

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Helen LaForge

1349-A Bradford

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Eugenie Gollup

1638 Royal Palm, Apt. 2

Fort Myers, FL 33901

The names and addresses of the subscribers of these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation are:

Bonnie Posner 5161 Tanglewood Pkwy.

Fort Myers, FL 33919

Dixie Lee McCollaum 8717 Chatham

Fort Myers, FL 33907

Joni Norton 398 Keenan Avenue

Fort Myers, FL 33919

Kathleen L. Kelly 18307 Deep Passage Lane

Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

#### **ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS**

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, to be elected annually from the Board of Directors as prescribed by the Bylaws. The names of the persons who served as officers until the first election of officers under the original Articles of Incorporation were as follows:

Trudella Cutshall President RDI, Box 736, Shawnee Road

Fort Myers, FL 33905

Carolyn Zurek Vice-President/ 1264 Floral Drive

Treasurer Fort Myers, FL 33901

Gloria Rooney Secretary 1 Broadway

Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as the officers of the Corporation until the next election of Officers under these Articles of Incorporation are:

Bonnie Posner President 5161 Tanglewood Pkwy.

Fort Myers, FL 33919

Dixie Lee McCollaum Vice-President 8717 Chatham

Fort Myers, FL 33907

Joni Norton Treasurer 398 Keenan Avenue

Fort Myers, FL 33919

Kathleen L. Kelly Secretary 18307 Deep Passage Lane

Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

#### ARTICLE IX - DIRECTORS

The three members on the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation were:

Trudella Cutshall RDI, Box 736, Shawnee Road

Fort Myers, FL 33905

Carolyn Zurek 1364 Floral Drive

Fort Myers, FL 33901

Gloria Rooney 1 Broadway

Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

The members of the current Board of Directors are:

Bonnie Posner 5161 Tanglewood Pkwy.

Fort Myers, FL 33919

Dixie Lee McCollaum 8717 Chatham

Fort Myers, FL 33907

Joni Norton 398 Keenan Avenue

Fort Myers, FL 33919

Kathleen L. Kelly 18307 Deep Passage Lane

Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Jennifer L. Benton 1463 Woodwind Court

Fort Myers, FL 33919

Michael Carr 1311 SE 21st Terrace

Cape Coral, FL 33990

Mary C. Fitzpatrick 1410 SW 54th Terrace

Cape Coral, FL 33914

Harry Landbo 2318 Kent Avenue

Fort Myers, FL 33907

Anna Marks 5326 Cocoa Court

Cape Coral, FL 33904

Rodi Swift 5607 SW 9th Avenue

Cape Coral, FL 33914

Betty Sarkis 2271 First Street, #21

Fort Myers, FL 33901

The number of Directors and the procedure for election shall be as prescribed by the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE X - BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Corporation may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the members of the Corporation by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to all members fourteen (14) days in advance of the vote.

# ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the members of the Corporation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at all members fourteen (14) days in advance of the vote.

II	N WITNESS	WHEREOF,	we	have	subscribed	our names	this	<u>15th</u>	day	of
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